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CATTLE ON FEED

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The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 970,000 head as of June 1, 2010. This latest inventory is up 3 percent from last month but down 1 percent from last year. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 135,000 head of fed cattle during May 2010. This was 7 percent below both the April 2010 and May 2009 marketings of 145,000 head. An estimated 185,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during May, 9 percent above a month ago and 32 percent above May 2009 placements of 140,000. Of the number placed in May, 14 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 14 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 24 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 49 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for April, at 20,000 head, was up 5,000 head from last month but down 5,000 head from the same time last year.

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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on June 1, 2010. The inventory was 1 percent above June 1, 2009. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.02 million, 23 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.92 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 445,000, 600-699 pounds were 405,000, 700-799 pounds were 537,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 635,000. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 1.87 million, 4 percent below 2009. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of May since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 102,000 during May, 1 percent above 2009.

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